

The evening of life

How much do you know about how older people are treated and cared for?

Test yourself, answers are on the next page.

True or false...

- 1. Over 65s now outnumber under-16s in the UK**
- 2. One million pensioners live in poverty in the UK**
- 3. In England and Wales, in 2001, 172,145 people aged 65 and over provided 50 hours or more of unpaid care per week.**
- 4. It is illegal in Great Britain to discriminate against someone at work because of their age**
- 5. Half a million older people are facing some form of abuse right now – either psychological, financial, physical or sexual.**
- 6. One in four grandparents care for their grandchildren on a regular basis**
- 7. In the winter of 2003/2004, 21,500 people over the age of 65 died as a result of the cold in England and Wales.**

Quiz Answers:

- 1. True (Office for National Statistics, Population Trends 14, Winter 2003)**
- 2. False – it's a higher figure, over two million pensioners live below the Government's official poverty line, that's about one in five of all pensioners (National Statistics, Households Below Average Earnings 1994-1995, 2002/3 (2004))**
- 3. False – older people make an even bigger contribution, 342,032 people aged 65 and over provided 50 hours or more of unpaid care per week (The Economic Contribution of Older People, Age Concern 2004)**
- 4. False – October 2006 will see the introduction of new employment legislation which will ban age discrimination in the workplace.**
- 5. True (Help the Aged)**
- 6. True (The Economic Contribution of Older People, Age Concern 2004)**
- 7. True (Office for National Statistics)**